

# ***Flies & Lies***

NEWSLETTER OF THE FLYFISHERS  
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA  
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**MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
Meetings at Miraflores Park  
17th Avenue between  
Belmont and LaRua

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
1ST TUESDAY, 7 PM

**BULL SESSION**  
2ND THURSDAY, 6:30 PM

**CASTING & TYING  
CLINIC**  
3RD SATURDAY, 9 AM

## *President's Message...Cliff Newton*

Hope everyone is having a good summer and getting some fishing in. From my experience it has been tough inside the pass. Hopefully action is picking up. Looking forward to fishing reports at our next meeting.

At our last meeting we discussed a group outing on a party boat with the club picking up some of the tab. The Eastern Shore club has organized a fly fishing deep sea trip with a dozen or so anglers going out of Orange Beach. The Board voted to send the two members of the outing committee on the trip to check it out and report back on the feasibility of our club doing something similar. The trip is now scheduled for mid-August. At the very least we should get a good program out of it.

The Gulf Coast Council is organizing a Fly Fishing Festival, September 12-13 in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. It should be an excellent opportunity. More information will be forthcoming. Hope we can have a good representation of members participating.

There will not be a board meeting. The membership meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.



"In memoriam of a great fly fisherman, and a fine gentleman. Mitch Abernethy: October 24, 1922-June 23, 2014." Photo: Mitch on Tuckaseegee. Jerry Giles

**Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida,  
1 July, 2014, President Cliff Newton, presiding**

Subject: Meeting minutes for 01 July 2014 Board and General Membership Meeting

Location: Miraflores Park, 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pensacola, FL

Time: 1800 Board Meeting, 1900 General Membership Meeting

For a list of participants in both meetings please refer to the attendance record dated 01 July 2014.

Cliff Newton called the board meeting to order at 1810 hours.

Membership Rosters are not going to be emailed due to cyber security concerns. The rosters will be printed and brought to a meeting for those present to take if interested. Roster will list member's names, email address and phone numbers. Roy Turner will get with Jay Brykczynski and print up the list.

Mitchell Abernathy, a lifetime member of the club, passed away on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Russ Shields motioned to send Trout Unlimited a donation in his honor and Jerry Giles seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jack Bauknecht and Kevin Gorby will both be out of pocket for awhile while recovering.

Kent Reagan gave the Treasury Report in Jay Brykczynski's absence. The Treasury Report was accepted by the board.

Jerry Giles recommended looking into booking a party boat for the club to make an outing on. Ralph Newton will look into it and report back to the board.

If anyone has program ideas for Tuesday night business meetings they need to let the VP, Rex Straughn, know about them. Upcoming programs will hopefully be posted in the newsletters so those interested can attend.

Russ Shields motioned to adjourn and Ralph Newton seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 1834 hours.

Cliff Newton called the General Membership meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Fishing Reports were given. Kent Reagan gave the Treasury Report. Russ Shields moved that the meeting minutes from the previous month be accepted and Ralph Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Publication of membership roster will be done by hard copy and disseminated at meeting instead of an emailed electronic copy due to cyber security concerns. Hopefully these will be available at the August business meeting.

H. Mitchell Abernathy of Seneca, SC, a lifetime member of the club, passed away on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Mitch was born in 1922 in Illinois to Harry and Florence Abernathy. Mitch served in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was married to Barbara Phillips and is survived by her, their three daughters Sharon, Catherine, and Alexandra and his seven grandchildren. Fly Fishing was one of Mitch's passions and for this reason the club is making a donation to the Chattooga River Chapter of Trout Unlimited in his honor.

## Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, Continue

Business cards are now available for members to pass out.

A list for hats is being made. 10 are needed to place an order. Those interested need to contact Russ Shields. Those interested in drying wheels also should contact Russ.

Rex Straughn, the Vice President, requested people to give presentations at the Tuesday night business meeting lasting 20-30 minutes long. He would like to print the program in the newsletter the month prior.

Gary Shoman is working with Ralph Newton on the activities and will hopefully have a report to give in August. There is a proposed fishing expedition on a party boat that Ralph is looking into.

Bob Korose gave a program on his Alaska Fishing Trip.

A lottery was held for door prizes.

Kent Reagan motioned to adjourn the meeting and Russ Shields seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 2004 hours.

The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned.

Kent Reagan, Secretary

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**After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came in for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.**

**Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and, after asking the wife to stand, embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched - with a raised eyebrow.**

**The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?"**

**"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I fish."**

# Fishing Report... Captain Baz Yelverton



July was rock solid for redfish sight-fishing in Santa Rosa Sound. The water cleared up nicely, and there were more fish around than one would expect in July. There were fish in the usual places, but I had my best luck on the north side of the island. The

key to success has been the new longer and faster strip. It works much better for the trout, too. All the fish shown below were on the EP baitfish using that stripping technique: **Rob Buckwalter** on July 6,

**Robert  
Buckwalter**



**Dale Smith** on July 11,

**Dale Smith**



and **Malcolm Goodman** and **David Goodman** on July 16.

**Malcolm  
Goodman**



**David  
Goodman**



It was a big day for the **Goodmans**, as both of them landed their first redfish on fly. **Malcolm's** was a big over-the-slot fish, and he watched it charge and eat the fly in less than 2' of water. Life changing event for a stream fisherman...

We caught a few nice trout in July, but the only photo I got was of **Greg Hawley** on July 4.

**Greg Hawley**



We landed a beauty yesterday, and my client's friend (a photographer) took the photo with his million dollar camera. Of course it didn't come out. He forgot to take the underwater lens off. Sorry I didn't take 15 seconds to take a shot with my el-cheapo camera. You guys would've enjoyed it...a 23-24" fish.

Today I ran out to the Tex Edwards with spin anglers, and we found acres of false albacore for the first time in months. There's a lot of bait out there, so the fish should stick around for a while. August is usually excellent for FA as long as you're willing to make the run. The fish are 3-4 miles south of the pink condos at the west end of Pensacola Beach

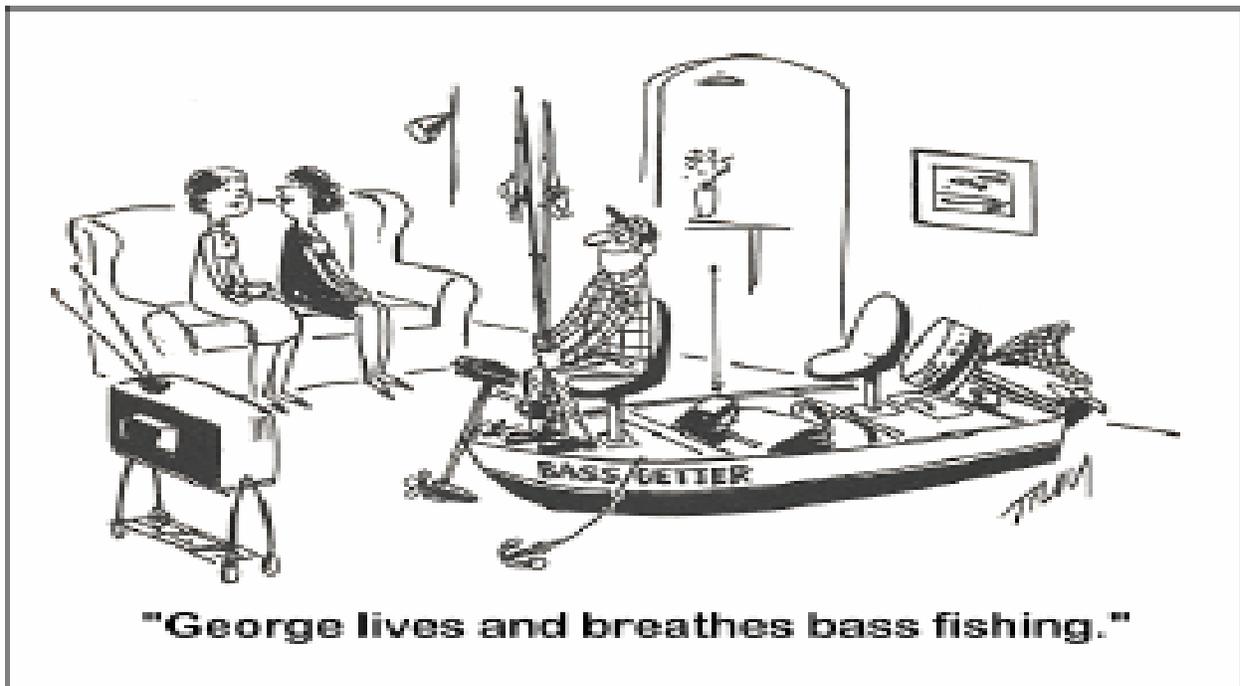
# Fishing Report....

The missing link this summer so far has been the Spanish mackerel. We haven't landed a decent fish since **Bob Willice** landed that nice one last month. If anyone finds them I'd appreciate a phone call.

There continues to be stained water coming down the rivers, and Pensacola Bay looks like iced tea. But the water at Town Point is clear enough to see fish, and the jack crevalle should be coming across

that sandbar in August. We sat there for a few minutes the other day, and the only targets we had were black tip sharks in the 3-4' range. Not bad but not the targeted species, so we never made a cast. Any time you're on the water it's always a good bet to spend a half hour or so in that area. Nice place for lunch, but keep your 10wt ready.

**Capt Baz**





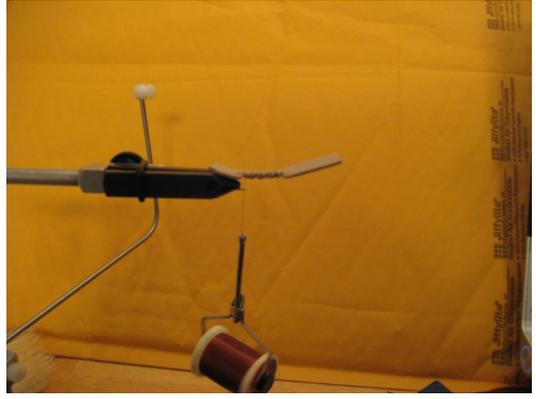
# Clodhopper Fly (quick grasshopper pattern)



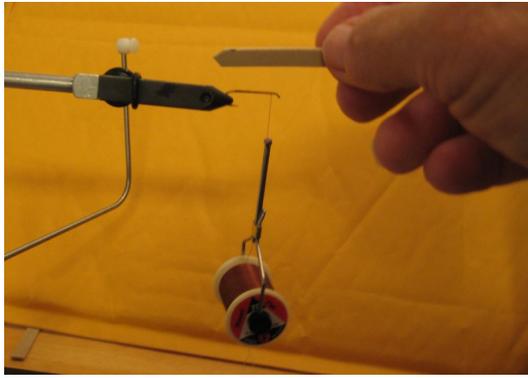
As we move into late summer and early fall grasshoppers are more prevalent and are being blown into lakes and streams where they are easy prey for both warm water and coldwater species. This fly can be tied in a number of colors to match the local grasshoppers or crickets. I have found that a tan grasshopper with a yellowish belly is quite common. Fish it near the bank and don't move it along the water surface. Let it drift with the current if there is any and only give it a slight wiggle occasionally. Grasshoppers are not good swimmers.

## Materials

- Hook size 8 to 16, 3x long
- Thread Color to match or blend with foam
- 2mm foam 1/4 inch strip twice as long as hook
- Hackle Dry fly hackle brown
- Dubbing synthetic yellow/amber/brown
- Legs Rubber legs of your choice

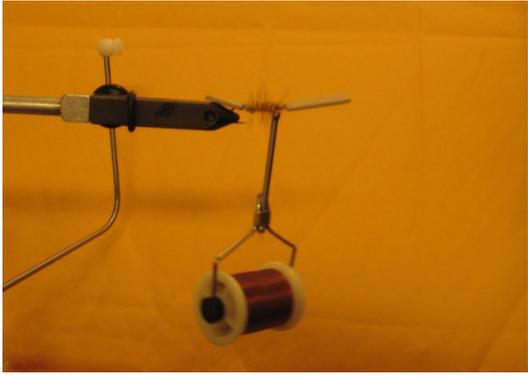


**Step 1** Cut the foam to length and make a blunt point at one end. Crush the barb and place the hook in the vise. Start the thread behind the eye of the hook and make a thread base to the bend of the hook and return to just behind the eye.



**Step 3** Tie in the hackle feather at the rear of the fly by the tip of the feather. Start your dubbing and the rear and dub forward about 2/3 's of the way to the eye of the hook. Palmer your hackle to the end of the dubbing and tie off.

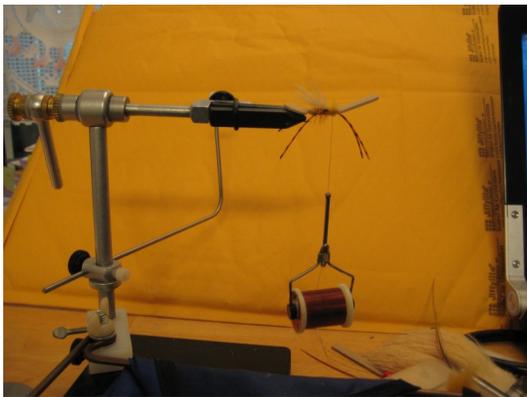
**Step 2** Place the foam on top of the hook with the point sticking out about a quarter inch beyond the back of the hook. Start tying it down behind the eye and end at the bend of the hook. Don't pull too tight or you might cut the foam.



## Clodhopper Fly ...continue

**Step 4** Take a pinch of elk hair and tie it on top of the fly. Be sure to tie it on well. I often add a drop of head cement here for insurance.

**Step 5** Tie on the rubber legs on each side of the fly. Dub between the legs to help them separate.



**Step 6** Fold back the front flap of the foam and tie down. Add a contrasting bit of foam for visibility if desired and trim foam and whip finish. I put some more head cement at the tie off. Trim the legs so that the back legs are longer than the front



# Around the Bay...and Further Away

## FROM - PAUL WARGO



## FROM - Jeff DEUSCHLE

This may be a stretch as far as "member" fishing reports go, but it's such a great photo and story... **Jeff Deuschle** and fishing friend, **Leon Legget** took a tarpon trip, with guide Jack West, over to Carrabelle this month. They saw and cast to scores of fish with some serious "looks" and "turns" on the fly but no hookups. **HOWEVER**, Leon returned with his son just a few days later and had an epic trip with 1 tarpon landed, ~8 hooked, and ~6 jumped, between the two anglers! (photo attached.) It is just beautiful over on Florida's "Forgotten Coast" and such a great tarpon fishery. Just seeing all those huge fish is amazing. A great nearby trip for those who haven't been!



# Around the Bay...and Further Away



Gulf Coast Council  
Federation of Fly Fishers



Fly Fishing Festival September 12-13 Ocean Springs, MS  
Ocean Springs Civic Center, 3730 Bienville Blvd

- Cold Water
- Warm Water
- Saltwater

- MCI Casting Clinics
- Fly Tying
- Speakers
- Exhibitors
- Raffles

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The newly reformed Gulf Coast Council of the IFFF will be having it's first Fly Fishing Festival on September 12-13 in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Our first show will have free general admission and should be a great opportunity for fly fishing interests from all over the Gulf Coast to get together, have some fun, and learn and share a little about our sport.

Friday, September 12

- pre-arranged afternoon classes
- evening Jambalaya get together, auction and fun

Saturday, September 13

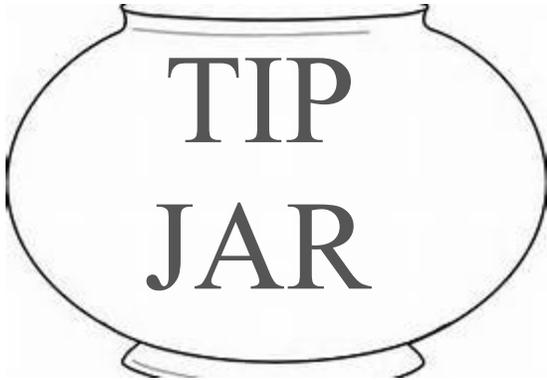
- breakfast meeting at the Gulf Coast Research Lab
- Ocean Springs Civic Center ~ 9am - 5pm
  - Casting; general and specialized lessons available from a number of MCI's and CCI's, casting games and demonstrations, etc.
  - Fly Tying; ~30 tiers from around the region, multiple award winners, tying classes, competitions.
  - regional vendors
  - food
  - auctions and raffles throughout the day

## *Around the Bay...and Further Away*

Notable participants will include:

- David Diaz, Chair for the IFFF Casting Board of Governors
- Jay Clark, award winning distance fly caster
- Walt Holman, 2013 Buszek award winning fly tier.

Class schedules and further details to follow. Come join us. Meet some new fly fishing friends from around the region, and have a good time!



Cold for freeing seized ferrules -I had the ferrules on my switch rod stuck so tight recently that my hand slipped while trying to separate them and I bent a stripping guide! So I did a little internet research and the better and more believable reports seemed to suggest using cold instead of heat. This is counter intuitive - heat expands - cold contracts, but I gave it a try. I wrapped the seized joint in one of those large gel packs (that I keep in the freezer for my knees,) then in a towel for insulation, and let it chill for about 15 minutes. Well the sections separated like they had been greased! It worked like a charm and has for me since! Give it a try! **Jeff DEUSCHLE**

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# August 2014

| Sun          | Mon                         | Tue                          | Wed  | Thu       | Fri                         | Sat  |
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|              |                             |                              |  |           | <b>1</b><br>VA tying clinic | <b>2</b>   |
| <b>3</b>     | <b>4</b><br>Healing Waters  | <b>5</b><br>Business Meeting | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>                    | <b>9</b>   |
| <b>10</b>    | <b>11</b>                   | <b>12</b>                    | <b>13</b><br>Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30 PM | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                   | <b>16</b><br>Clinic - Casting, tying, gourmet lunch 9 AM |
| <b>17</b>    | <b>18</b><br>Healing Waters | <b>19</b>                    | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>                   | <b>23</b>  |
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